

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 5-7.

1. (Original) A method of generating a billing record by a telecommunication service provider for at least one telecommunication service subscriber, the method comprising:

retrieving sample telephone call transaction data for the subscriber;
processing the sample telephone call transaction data in accordance with service rate plans of competitive telecommunication service providers;
generating an estimated toll amount for the transaction data for each service rate plan;
comparing estimated toll amounts;
based on the comparison, determining a lowest toll amount;
deducting a constant amount from the lowest toll amount;
based on the deduction, forming a final toll amount; and
generating the billing record for the subscriber based on the final toll amount.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein retrieving sample telephone call transaction data comprises retrieving transaction data for a plurality of telephone calls placed by the subscriber during a time period.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein retrieving sample telephone call transaction data comprises retrieving transaction data for calls placed by the subscriber during a monthly billing period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein retrieving sample telephone call transaction data comprises retrieving a time of day, a date, a duration and a call destination for a plurality of calls.

5-7. (Cancelled)